

REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to reduce PTO filing fees by eliminating multiple dependency.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A stabilizing device for stabilizing a slit fluid jet according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the length between an detouched vortex, occurring to the back of the crossed groove portion, and a point to that the detouched vortex has been shifted is equal to or greater than the length of one side of a diamond-shaped protruding portion that is formed by the x-shaped grooves.